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Highlights

- The August 1, 2006, forecast soybean yield of 29.0 bushels per acre in Mississippi is at its lowest level in six years.
- Milk production in the State continues to decline.
- Farmland values in Mississippi are up, including an 18 percent jump in the average value per acre of pasture land.
- The price of farm-raised catfish in the US averaged 80.7 cents per pound during June 2006. This is the fifth consecutive monthly price increase.

Crop Acreage, Yield and Production, Mississippi and United States, 2005 and Forecasted August 1, 2006

Crop	Unit	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		Harvested 2005	For Harvest 2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
1,000 Acres				1,000 Units			
Mississippi							
Soybeans	bu	1,590	1,770	37.0	29.0	58,830	51,330
All Cotton ¹	bales	1,200.0	1,200.0	859.0	840.0	2,147.0	2,100.0
All Rice ¹	cwt	263	189	6,400	6,800	16,832	12,852
Peanuts	lb	14	14	3,200	3,000	44,800	42,000
Corn, Grain	bu	365	285	129	100	47,085	28,500
All Other Hay	ton	730	780	2.90 *	1.90	2,117	1,482
United States							
Soybeans	bu	71,361	73,935	43.3	39.6	3,086,432	2,927,634
All Cotton ¹	bales	13,802.6	12,815.0	831	765	23,890.2 *	20,431.0
All Rice ¹	cwt	3,364	2,895	6,636	6,813	223,235	197,242
Peanuts	lb	1,629	1,233	2,960	2,645	4,821,250	3,260,800
Corn, Grain	bu	75,107	72,091	147.9	152.2	11,112,072	10,975,740
All Other Hay	ton	39,260	40,290	1.91	1.77	74,819	71,121

* Record high.

¹ Yield in pounds per acre.

**Mississippi Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Districts,
2005 and Forecasted August 1, 2006**

District	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Harvested Acre (lbs)		Production in 480 Net Weight Bales	
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006
Upper Delta	367,600	394,000	935	898	716,200	737,000
N. Central	118,700	119,000	766	722	189,400	179,000
Lower Delta	463,300	455,000	884	884	853,000	838,000
Central	120,000	123,000	802	765	200,400	196,000
Other Districts	130,400	109,000	692	661	188,000	150,000
State	1,200,000	1,200,000	859	840	2,147,000	2,100,000

**Mississippi Soybeans: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Districts,
2005 and Forecasted August 1, 2006**

District	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Harvested Acre (bu)		Production (bu)	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Upper Delta	573,700	655,000	36.3	29.9	20,814,000	19,600,000
N. Central	129,800	152,000	30.7	22.4	3,980,000	3,400,000
Northeast	127,100	142,000	29.7	21.8	3,781,000	3,100,000
Lower Delta	597,800	649,000	41.0	32.8	24,506,000	21,300,000
Other Districts	161,600	172,000	35.6	22.8	5,749,000	3,930,000
State	1,590,000	1,770,000	37.0	29.0	58,830,000	51,330,000

**Milk Cows and Production: by Selected States and United States,
April-June, 2005-2006**

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Production ²		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	16	14	63	57	-9.5
Arkansas	23	21	80	74	-7.5
Kentucky	107	98	369	352	-4.6
Louisiana	36	32	124	112	-9.7
Mississippi	26	23	109	93	-14.7
Missouri	119	116	510	498	-2.4
Oklahoma	75	75	321	317	-1.2
South Carolina	18	17	79	77	-2.5
Tennessee	71	67	300	284	-5.3
Texas	320	330	1,704	1,891	11.0
United States	9,041	9,134	45,831	46,896	2.3

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Farm Real Estate, Cropland and Pasture, Average Value per Acre,
by Selected States and United States, January 1, 2005-2006**

State	Farm Real Estate		Cropland		Pasture	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Dollars		Dollars		Dollars	
Alabama	2,400 *	2,750	2,450 *	2,950	1,950 *	2,100
Arkansas	1,870 *	2,050	1,460 *	1,580	1,590 *	1,740
Florida	5,400 *	7,280	7,220 *	8,770	5,150 *	7,500
Georgia	3,200 *	3,900	2,750 *	3,730	5,600 *	7,150
Kentucky	2,500 *	2,750	2,500 *	2,850	1,980 *	2,100
Louisiana	1,700 *	1,900	1,510 *	1,630	1,670 *	1,800
Mississippi	1,690 *	1,850	1,410 *	1,590	1,610 *	1,900
Missouri	1,790 *	1,980	1,890	2,100	1,340 *	1,500
North Carolina	3,940 *	4,250	3,450 *	3,610	4,000 *	4,500
Oklahoma	900 *	970	846 *	891	640 *	760
South Carolina	2,400 *	2,600	2,050	2,150	2,300 *	2,550
Tennessee	2,850 *	3,070	2,650 *	2,920	3,220 *	3,420
Texas	1,030 *	1,250	1,070 *	1,290	869 *	1,080
Virginia	4,500 *	4,900	4,100 *	5,300	3,850 *	4,800
West Virginia	1,950 *	2,150	3,300 *	3,500	1,660 *	1,880
United States ¹	1,650 *	1,900	2,110 *	2,390	820 *	1,000

* Revised.

¹ Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

**Average Value Per Acre of Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Cropland,
by Selected States, 2002-2006**

State	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Dollars				
Arkansas	1,180	1,220	1,290	1,460 *	1,580
Irrigated	1,310	1,350	1,450	1,640 *	1,730
Non-Irrigated	1,070	1,100	1,150	1,320 *	1,460
Georgia	1,970	2,150	2,260	2,750 *	3,730
Irrigated	1,800	1,900	2,100	2,750 *	3,650
Non-Irrigated	2,000	2,200	2,300	2,750	3,750
Louisiana	1,190	1,240	1,300	1,510 *	1,630
Irrigated	1,050	1,070	1,150	1,360 *	1,410
Non-Irrigated	1,230	1,280	1,340	1,550 *	1,680
Mississippi	1,100	1,160	1,210	1,410 *	1,590
Irrigated	1,190	1,230	1,280	1,460 *	1,550
Non-Irrigated	1,080	1,140	1,190	1,400 *	1,600
Missouri	1,480	1,580	1,690	1,890	2,100
Irrigated	2,070	2,150	2,250	2,470	2,840
Non-Irrigated	1,440	1,540	1,650	1,850	2,050
Texas	871	937	981	1,070 *	1,290
Irrigated	950	1,000	1,050	1,150 *	1,260
Non-Irrigated	850	920	965	1,060 *	1,300

* Revised.

**Catfish Processors: Sales Volume, Average Price and Ending Inventory,
United States, June 2005-2006**

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,765	2,464	1.58	1.74	175	127
Fillets ¹	4,987	4,446	2.85	3.14	495	472
Other ²	1,130	807	1.78	1.86	114	199
Total Fresh	8,882	7,717	2.32	2.56	784	798
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,008	889	2.01	2.19	736	770
Fillets ¹	10,314	9,127	2.68	2.98	7,784	3,070
Other ²	4,950	4,007	1.46	1.62	3,304	2,695
Total Frozen	16,272	14,023	2.27	2.54	11,824	6,535
Total Fresh & Frozen	25,154	21,740	2.28	2.55	12,608	7,333

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

² Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

**United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers
by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2005-2006**

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Per Pound ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
January	53,856	49,666	53,856	49,666	.725	.726	1,383	2,644
February	51,720	49,145	105,576	98,811	.731	.729	1,230	2,491
March	57,117	56,315	162,693	155,126	.733	.745	1,161	3,267
April	50,306	43,185	212,999	198,311	.725	.785	2,198	3,119
May	51,552	42,865	264,551	241,176	.722	.796	2,695	3,306
June	49,626	41,214	314,177	282,390	.721	.807	2,538	
July	47,241		361,418		.723		2,048	
August	50,686		412,104		.724		2,684	
September	47,151		459,255		.724		2,219	
October	49,034		508,289		.724		4,062	
November	46,674		554,963		.724		4,648	
December	45,707		600,670		.726		3,239	

¹ Price for fish delivered to the processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

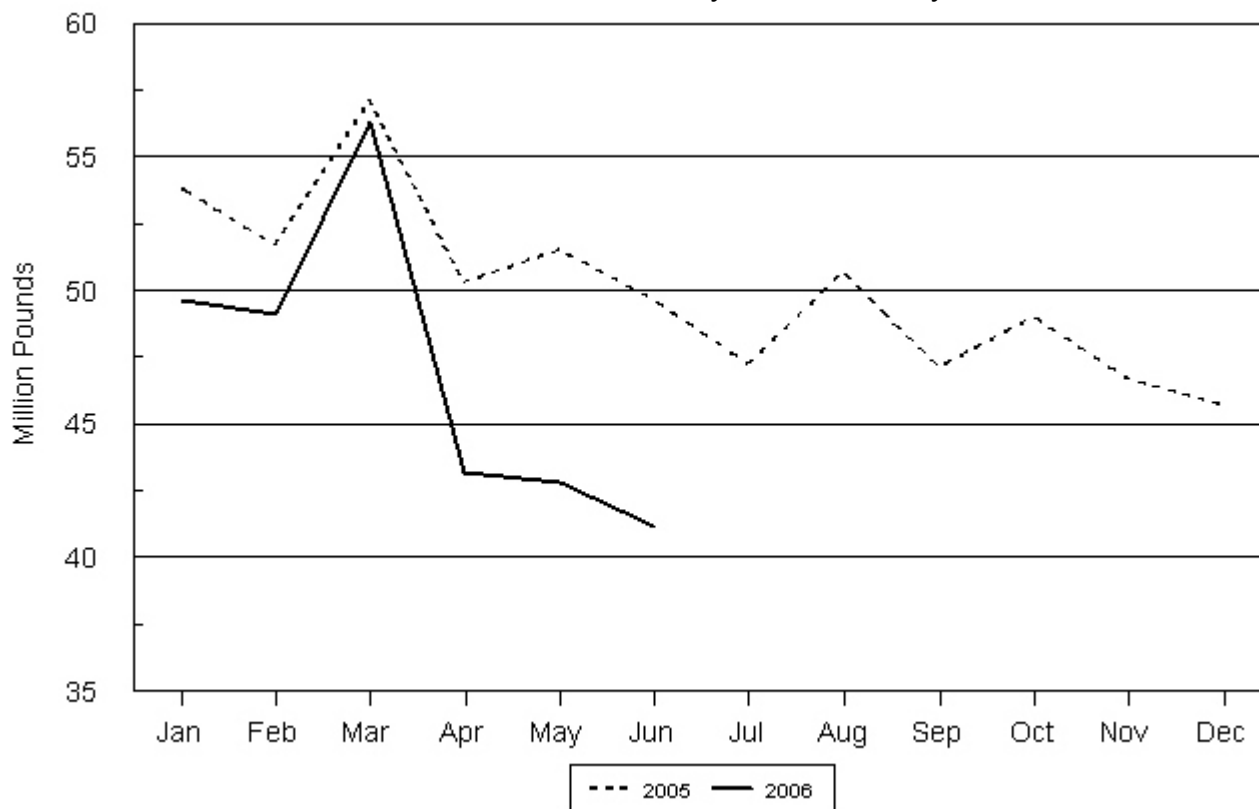
² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Includes Ictalurus, Pangasius and Siluriformes catfish. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish, Mississippi and United States, 2005-2006

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	2,622	1,169	45	6,265	5,103	81
February	1,895	773	41	6,334	3,970	63
March	6,604	7,980	121	17,917	20,048	112
April	19,759	24,335	123	43,583	52,246	120
May	39,046	37,972 *	97 *	81,591	80,433 *	99 *
June	55,981	54,484	97	115,370	112,326	97
July	55,039			113,086		
August	63,637			132,347		
September	59,346			119,788		
October	29,813			64,188		
November	7,809			20,553		
December	687			4,449		

* Revised.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish, Quantity Processed, by Month, 2005-2006



Mississippi Livestock County Estimates, 2005-2006

County	January 1					
	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Number					
Bolivar	2,500	2,100				
Tallahatchie	5,800	4,900	3,700	3,100		
Other Counties	1,200	1,000	2,300	1,900		
District 10	9,500	8,000	6,000	5,000	*	*
Benton	9,500	9,000	3,800	3,600		
Calhoun	10,000	9,700	6,100	6,200		
DeSoto	13,400	13,000	5,900	7,900		
Grenada	12,200	11,800	6,900	7,100		
Lafayette	8,700	8,200	5,400	5,300		
Marshall	22,700	20,600	12,800	9,600		
Panola	21,100	19,200	12,200	10,900		
Tate	27,200	24,500	10,200	9,200	1,500	1,400
Yalobusha	8,200	8,000	5,600	5,200		
Other Counties					1,100	1,000
District 20	133,000	124,000	68,900	65,000	2,600	2,400
Alcorn	11,000	9,100	5,300	5,500		
Itawamba	7,500	6,000	4,400	3,700		
Lee	14,000	12,000	7,700	6,000		
Pontotoc	14,500	11,000	8,600	7,100		
Prentiss	8,600	7,000	4,200	4,100		
Tippah	11,000	8,400	6,400	4,500		
Tishomingo	4,700	4,000	3,200	2,600		
Union	12,700	11,500	7,600	6,500		
District 30	84,000	69,000	47,400	40,000	1,200	1,000
Leflore		1,300				
Sunflower	1,100	1,000				
Washington	1,700	1,500				
Yazoo	14,000	13,600	9,000	8,700		
Other Counties	3,700	1,600	4,000	3,300		
District 40	20,500	19,000	13,000	12,000	*	*
Attala	14,400	13,500	8,900	7,000		
Carroll	18,200	17,500	7,900	7,600		
Choctaw	5,200	4,400	3,000	3,000		
Holmes	11,000	10,000	6,500	5,500		
Leake	20,800	19,500	12,500	10,000		
Madison	18,700	17,900	10,500	11,000		
Montgomery	11,900	11,500	7,000	7,000		
Rankin	19,400	19,200	10,700	13,000		
Scott	22,400	20,000	11,100	10,000		
Webster	8,000	7,500	5,200	4,900		
District 50	150,000	141,000	83,300	79,000	1,800	2,200
Chickasaw	22,200	22,000	13,300	12,200		
Clay	19,500	18,000	8,400	10,500		
Kemper	16,200	14,000	9,800	9,000		
Lowndes	12,000	12,000	7,600	7,200		
Monroe	18,100	17,900	9,900	8,800		
Neshoba	21,400	22,000	11,500	10,800	700	600
Noxubee	21,200	21,500	9,500	9,500	900	900
Oktibbeha	13,000	13,600	6,200	7,300	550	
Winston	13,400	14,000	8,000	7,700		
Other Counties					850	1,200
District 60	157,000	155,000	84,200	83,000	3,000	2,700

Livestock County Estimates, 2005-2006—Cont.

County	January 1					
	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Number					
Adams	4,500	4,200	2,500	2,500		
Amite	17,100	17,400	8,600	8,100	1,500	1,600
Claiborne	11,000	10,700	6,100	6,000		
Copiah	22,400	19,700	11,800	10,500		
Franklin	5,700	5,400	3,100	3,600		
Hinds	35,300	34,000	15,400	20,500		
Jefferson	6,000	5,700	3,600	3,300		
Lincoln	25,500	23,000	10,400	11,500	1,500	1,300
Warren	5,800	5,100	3,100	3,000		
Wilkinson	15,700	14,800	6,600	8,000		
Other Counties					2,000	1,800
District 70	149,000	140,000	71,200	77,000	5,000	4,700
Covington	24,800	24,400	10,400	8,700		
Jefferson Davis	17,200	17,500	9,800	8,800		
Lamar	21,200	19,600	9,600	7,800		
Lawrence	10,800	10,000	6,000	5,900		
Marion	19,100	19,300	8,400	9,000	1,200	1,100
Pike	20,700	18,500	8,500	7,300	2,300	1,900
Simpson	18,200	16,200	10,800	9,000		
Smith	20,000	17,700	12,000	11,500		
Walthall	30,000	29,800	9,700	10,000	5,200	4,700
Other Counties					800	500
District 80	182,000	173,000	85,200	78,000	9,500	8,200
Clarke	8,500	8,600	5,100	5,200		
Forrest	8,000	7,500	4,000	3,500		
George	12,000	10,700	6,600	6,500		
Greene	7,000	6,000	4,200	3,500		
Hancock	8,000	7,800	4,300	4,500		
Harrison	4,000	3,500	2,500	1,800		
Jackson	6,900	6,700	3,700	3,500		
Jasper	11,800	11,500	8,300	8,000		
Jones	27,300	25,200	15,000	13,500	700	800
Lauderdale	14,000	11,400	9,700	8,000		
Newton	25,000	22,500	12,000	10,500	1,000	900
Pearl River	22,400	20,800	10,000	9,500		
Perry	6,500	6,700	4,200	4,500		
Stone	7,800	7,600	5,500	5,000		
Wayne	15,800	14,500	9,700	9,500		
Other Counties					1,100	1,000
District 90	185,000	171,000	104,800	97,000	2,800	2,700
Other Districts					100	100
State Total	1,070,000	1,000,000	564,000	536,000	26,000	24,000

* Included in Other Districts.

Mississippi Top Five Cattle Producing Counties, January 1, 2005-2006

County	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Number					
Hinds	35,300	34,000	15,400	20,500	---	---
Walthall	30,000	29,800	9,700	10,000	5,200	4,700
Jones	27,300	25,200	15,000	13,500	700	800
Tate	27,200	24,500	10,200	9,200	1,500	1,400
Lincoln	25,500	23,000	10,400	11,500	1,500	1,300

--- Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, July 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	July 2005 Entire Month		June 2006 Entire Month		July 2006 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.11	---	2.14	---	2.20
Cotton, Upland	lb	.396	.411	.456	.477	.455 ¹	.462 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.94	---	3.95	---	4.43
Soybeans	bu		6.65	5.57	5.61	5.63	5.60
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.15	---	3.99	---	4.03
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	6.82	---	8.04	---	8.06
All Milk	cwt	---	14.80	---	11.90	---	11.90
Fluid	cwt	---	14.80	---	11.90	---	11.90
Manufacturing	cwt	---	14.10	---	11.30	---	11.00
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	85.00	---	84.20	---	86.10
Cows	cwt	---	53.80	---	46.70	---	47.00
Calves	cwt	---	133.00	---	133.00	---	136.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	88.20	---	88.50	---	90.40
All Hogs	cwt	---	49.80	---	53.80	---	49.40
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	50.40	---	54.70	---	50.30
Sows	cwt	---	37.60	---	33.10	---	32.40
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.440	---	.390	---	.400
Market Eggs	doz	.350 ³	.329 ³	.370 ³	.370 ³	.230	.248

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Mid-month prices.